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FOR: HARD FILM FOR CUTTING TOOLS, CUTTING TOOL COATED WITH HARD FILM, PROCESS FOR FORMING HARD FILM, AND TARGET USED TO FORM HARD FILM

REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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SIR:

- ☐ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number [US App No], filed [US App Dt], is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.
- ☐ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number, filed, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e).
- ☒ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
JAPAN	2000-402555	December 28, 2000
JAPAN	2001-185464	June 19, 2001
JAPAN	2001-185465	June 19, 2001
JAPAN	2001-287587	September 20, 2001
JAPAN	2001-310562	October 5, 2001

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- ☒ are submitted herewith
- ☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- ☐ were filed in prior application Serial No. filed
- ☐ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number .
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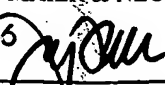
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